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**Subject:** Office Communication concerning Application/Control Number: 09/926,681  
Art Unit 1651

Dear Ralph Gitomer,

In response to your Office Communication of the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2003, concerning the Patent Application number 09/926,681, we have sent you a fax on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and on the 5<sup>th</sup> December with some questions. In order to proceed with the response, we really need to clarify the following points:

1. – It is stated that our reply to your previous office communication was “not in standard format and incomplete”. We would like to know precisely what changes are necessary to perform because all our previous amendments were already done in accordance with the “Manual of Patent Examining Procedure”.
2. – It is also stated that we have not provided any “marked up copies”. Could you please define precisely what are marked-up copies?
3. – In order to revoke the power of attorney, your office recommended us to use the form PTO/SB/82. However, we do not intend to appoint another Attorney. It is our intention to proceed with this patent application by ourselves. For this purpose, how can we formalize this situation? As you referred, it is possible to obtain a patent by our own, as applicants (Pro se).

The other assignee of this Patent Application will provide us a form PTO/SB/96 duly signed, and we will forward it to your office. I would also like to know if there is anything else required to prosecute the application directly from Portugal?



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The payment referred in your office Communication will be paid by credit card, and the corresponding form will be sent together with the form PTO/SB/96.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

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